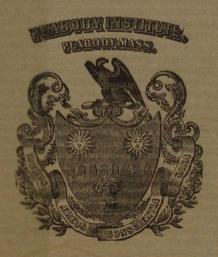
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At a legal meeting of the intrabitants of the town of Peabody, qualified to vote in Town affairs, held March 6th, 1882, it was

VOTED, That the Town allow the Trustees of the Peabody Institute, in the future, to make their annual report in print.

A true copy of record.

Attest:

N. H. POOR, Town Clerk.



Organization of Board of Trustees.

1890 - 1891.

HARRY F. WALKER,			President.
G. FRED OSGOOD,			Secretary.
GEORGE H. POOR,			Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

HARRY F. WALKER, ex-officio.

O. B. CHADWICK, Rev. J. W. HUDSON,
P. H. O'CONOR, J. HOWARD FALLON,
F. C. MERRILL.

BUILDING COMMITTEE.

D. P. GROSVENOR, G. F. BARNES, JOSEPH F. WIGGIN.

THE PEABODY BURIAL LOT COMMITTEE:

H. F. WALKER, G. FRED OSGOOD, RICHARD BARRY.

TRUSTEES.		
GEORGE H. POOR,	Term expires	1891
G. FRED OSGOOD,	"	1891
D. P. GROSVENOR,	**	1892
GEORGE F. BARNES,	"	1892
P. H. O'CONOR,	"	1893
O. B. CHADWICK,	"	1893
H. F. WALKER,	"	1894
JOSEPH F. WIGGIN,	"	1894
F. C. MERRILL,	66	1895
J. HOWARD FALLON,	"	1895
RICHARD BARRY,	"	1896
REV. J. W. HUDSON,	"	1896

JOHN D. MCKEEN, JANITOR.

ORGANIZATION OF

The Lyceum and Library Committee.

1890 - 1891.

THOMAS CARROLL, CHAIRMAN.
LYMAN P. OSBORN, SECRETARY, LYMAN P. OSBORN,
ALBERT H. MERRILL,
FRANK TAYLOR,
LEVERETT POOR,
W. G. COOK,
C. F. BUSHBY,
GEO. A. WHITNEY. . . TREASURER.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

PEABODY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

J. K. COLE,

L. P. OSBORN, C. F. BUSHBY, THOMAS CARROLL, FRANK TAYLOR, W. G. COOK, A. H. MERRILL, P. O'CONOR,

J. H. OSGOOD.

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY COMMITTEE,

J. H. OSGOOD,

J. H. OSGOOD, W. G. COOK,
L. P. OSBORN, GEO. A. WHITNEY,
LEVERETT POOR, GEO. C. FARRINGTON,

J. K. COLE.

LECTURE COMMITTEE.

GEO. C. FARRINGTON, P. H. O'CONOR, LEVERETT POOR, C. F. BUSHBY, FRANK TAYLOR.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A. H. MERRILL, L. P. OSBORN, J. H. OSGOOD,

J. WARREN UPTON, LIBRARIAN.

TRUSTEES' REPORT.

The Trustees herein present their thirty-ninth annual report.

This report together with the reports of the Lyceum and
Library Committee present in detail the various items of interest
in the management of the Institute during the past year.

The Librarian's report shows the circulation to have been 34,807 volumes against 30,815 volumes, for the year previous, an increase of about thirteen per cent, this being the largest circulation in the history of the Library; a most encouraging feature of this circulation being the increase in percentage of the more elevating classes of literature.

In the report of the chairman of the Lyceum and Library Committee the reference made to the work of the Lyceum Committee shows that the problem of lectures and entertainments which annually presents itself to this committee has not yet reached a satisfactory solution. The musical entertainments which have of late years found a place in the Lecture course were certainly not contemplated by Mr. Peabody, and are contrary to the time honored traditions of the Institute, and, without doubt, are a direct violation of the spirit and letter of the donor, and no interpretation that could be applied to his letter of gift would justify the substitution of such entertainments for the lectures which he intended should be provided. His aim was not to furnish trivial entertainments, but to encourage mental improvement and the dissemination of useful knowledge.

A course of lectures upon systematically arranged subjects such as are provided by the Lowell Institute of Boston, would be appreciated and patronized by the citizens of the town. The Trustees have no desire to encroach upon the privileges or pre-

rogatives of committees whose duties and responsibilities are well defined, but embrace this opportunity to call attention to what seems to be a grave and serious departure from the object for which the Lecture Course was originally intended.

The Trustees received from the executors of the will of the late Mrs. Eliza Sutton, the bequest of fifteen thousand dollars, to which reference was made in the report of last year, and the same was invested in Boston municipal three and one-half percent bonds.

During the year seventy thousand dollars of Town of Peabody of our per cent notes matured, which amount was re-invested in the same securities at a price yielding an income of 3 85-100 per cent upon the investment. And while referring to this matter, attention is called to the fact that many of the securities of the Institute mature during the next year, and must of necessity be re-invested at a lower rate of interest than is now obtained.

There seems to be an opinion in some quarters that the Instiute is in a much better financial condition than a careful scrutiny of the Treasurer's Report will disclose.

The general expenses (to which the town has added taxes), are steadily increasing, while the income from invested funds is diminishing every year.

The Trustees, with a view of creating better facilities for a reading room, have had in contemplation during the year, plans for remodelling the interior of the building, and while the needs of the Institute in this direction were apparent to all, the changes proposed, would have required a large expenditure of money than the present condition of the finances would warrant,

The Trustees are pleased to record the faithful services of the employes. The success of an institution of this character can be very much advanced by the courtesy of those in attendance, and it is earnestly recommended that all assistance and encouragement possible be extended to those who avail themselves of the privileges of the Library.

H. F. WALKER,

for the Trustees.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The Treasurer of the Trustees of the Peabody Institute hereby presents to the Board the following accounts for the year ending January 31st, 1891.

The General Current Account.
The Reserve Fund Account.
The High School Medal Fund Account.
The Burial Lot Fund Account,
and accounts of the Sutton Funds,

Together with statements of invested funds and schedule of insurance.

GENERAL CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. H. Poor, Treasurer.

1890			Dr.
Mar.	15. Pa	id Geo. W. Cressy, Supt.	\$10 00
2.2	-31	C. A. Putnam,	12 00
	20,	E. H. Tarbell,	9 90
		W. D. Dennis,	3 00
		O. B. Chadwick & Co.,	30 63
		E. G. Kelley,	6 27
	21,	Merrill & Mackintire	7 12
Apr.	I,	J. D. Mc Keen, salary,	187 50
P		J. D. Mc Keen, sundries,	65
	8,	Peabody Water Board,	18 45
		Amount carried forward,	\$285 52

A	. 0	Amount brought forward,	\$285 5
Apr		Salem Gas Light Co.,	118 98
May		State County, and Town Tax,	161 60
	6,	Guarantee Co., N. America,	125 00
T .	15,	A. H. Merrill, Treas. L. & L. Com	., 1,600 00
July	1,	J. D. McKeen, salary,	187 50
		J. D. McKeen, sundries,	1 00
		Bushby & Co.,	1 18
		Thomas H. O'Keefe,	6 75
		Lyman Holman,	12 00
		Salem Gas Light Co.,	71 10
		E. G. Kelley,	1 23
		Morrison & Trask,	13 43
		A. F. Clark,	33 68
		A. H. Whidden,	5 13
		Merrill & Mackintire,	6 09
-		M. S. Clark,	11 67
Oct.	1,	J. D. McKeen, salary,	187 50
		J. D. McKeen, sundries,	12 78
		A. H. Whidden,	
		Peabody Press Co.,	² 35
		Bushby & Co.,	98
		A. J. Walker,	
	7,	Peabody Water Board,	5 00
		Salem Gas Light Co.,	18 45
	14,	State, County and Town Tax,	66 42
	16,	G. R. Norton,	163 80
		A. F. Clark,	19 03
		H. M. Bixby & Co.,	13 55
		Merrill & Mackintire,	92 46
		Hiram Hook,	1 40
		J. Arthur Trask,	13 05
		Joseph Jacobs,	12 40
		F. A. Wendell,	180 00
		Premium on Town Notes, .	7 75
Nov.	24,	A. H. Merrill, Treas. L. & L. Com.,	1,575 00
		J. Com.,	500 00
		Amount carried forward.	\$====
		The state of the s	\$5,524 78

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		Amount brought forward,	\$5,524 78
1891.		T D M Wass colory	187 50
Jan.	Ι,	J. D. McKeen, salary,	1 60
		J. D. McKeen, sundries, A. H. Whidden,	3 12
			133 74
	8,	Salem Gas Light Co., A. H. Merrill, Treas. L. L. Com.,	700 00
		B. F. Woodbury,	51 90
	31,	E. G. Kelley,	100 00
		Services as treasurer,	250 00
		Balance,	38 05
		Balance,	
			\$6,990 69
1890	0.		Cr.
Feb.	I.	Balance,	\$185 45
Mar.	I, Rec	ceived Three Eastern R. R. Coupons,	90 00
Apr.	Ι,	J. D. McKeen, rent,	87 50
		Three City Boston Coupons,	85 00
		Five B. C. & M. R. R. Coupons,	175 00
		One City Lawrence Coupon,	30 00
		Div. on Warren Bank Stock,	9 00
		Use of Hall,	12 50
	6,	Int. on Town Peabody Notes,	1,400 00
		R. S. D. Symonds, rent,	75 00
May	6,	Twenty-three Town Peabody	,
		Coupons,	460 00
July	1,	Use of Hall,	37 50
		J. D. McKeen, rent,	87 50
		R. S. D. Symonds, rent,	75 00
		Int. on Providence reg. bond,	25 00
		One Boston & Maine R. R. Co.	35 00
Oct.	I.	J. D. McKeen, rent,	87 50
		Use of Hall,	90 00
		Three Eastern R. R. Coupons,	85 00
		Three City of Boston Coupons,	
		Five B. C. & M. R. R. Coupon	30 00
		One City Lawrence Coupon,	
		Amount carried forward,	\$3,351 95

Oct. 1, 6, Nov. 1,	Int. on Town Pe Twenty-three T	abody Notes. 1 100
Dec. 31,	Int. on Providence	e reg. bond . 460 c
Jan. 1,	J. D. McKeen, re D. P. Grosvenor,	ine R. R. Coupon, 35 or s, rent, 75 or s, rent, 87 50
31,	Transfer-Reserve Dis. on Gas Bill, R. S. D. Symonds	r und Inc. 1,281 50
	Rent due,	\$167 00 \$6,990 69

RESERVE FUND.

		RESERVE FUND.	
189	rustees of	Peabody Institute in account with Geo. H. Po	or, Treasurer.
Apr. May	10, Pa	aid Peabody Water Board, State, County and Town Town	Dr. \$2 25
oa.	15,	Peabody Water Board.	26 64 500 00
1891	. 14,	State County and Town Tax,	2 25 28 08
Jan.	8,	Hiram Hook, repairs Hammond House, Transfer, General Current Account, Plans, etc.,	20 00 1281 50 500 00
1890. Feb. Apr.	ı, Balan	ved One City Boston Coupon	\$2360 72 Cr. 630 72
May	5,	One City Cincinnati Coupon,	25 00 35 00
		Amount carried forward,	\$690 72

	Amount brought forward, \$	690 72
	One City Fall River Coupon,	30 00
May 5,	Twenty-two Town Peabody Cou-	
	pons,	440 00
	One City Toledo Coupon,	30 00
July 1,	One Boston & Maine R. R.	
	Coupon,	17 50
	One Boston & Albany R. R.	
		30 00
	Coupon, Three City Providence Coupons,	75 00
	Interest on City Providence reg.	
		25 00
	bond,	30 00
Oct. 1,	One City Omaha Coupon,	25 00
	One City Boston Coupon,	35 00
Nov. I,	One City Cincinnati Coupon,	30 00
	One City Fall River Coupon,	3
	Twenty-two Town Peabody	440 00
	Coupons,	100 00
Dec. I,	One Lombard Coupon,	30 00
31,	One City Toledo Coupon,	17 50
	One Boston & Maine Coupon,	30.00
	One Boston & Albany,	75 00
	Three City Providence Coupons,	15 00
	Interest on City Providence reg.	25 00
	bond,	25 00
	B. F. Woodbury, rent,	150 00
	Building Committee, Harris House	, 35 00
		\$2360 72

HIGH SCHOOL MEDAL FUND ACCOUNT.

	of the Peabody Institute in Account with Geo. H. Poor, 1	Dr.
May Jan.	15, Paid Thomas Carroll, Chairman School Com.	\$100 00
		\$150 00

1890. Feb. 1, May 1, Nov. 1,	Balance, Received Two Prov. Quebec Coupons, Received Two Prov. Quebec Coupons,	Cr. \$50 00 50 00 50 00 \$150 00
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THE BURIAL LOT FUND ACCOUNT.

m	4.
Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. H. Poor, 1891. Jan. 8, Paid Geo. W. Cressy, Supt., 31, Balance,	Dr. \$23 00 36 00
1890. Feb. 1, Balance, May 1, Received One C., B. & Q. Coupon, Nov. 1, One C., B. & Q. Coupon,	\$59 00 Cr. \$19 00 20 00 20 00
	\$59 00

THE EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY FUND ACCOUNT.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. H. Poor, Treasurer. . 1890. Feb. Dr. 4, Paid City Boston Bonds, \$5,000 00 Premium on Boston Bonds, May A. H. Merrill, Treas. L. & L. Com., 121 25 June 2, A. H. Merrill, Ins., 400 00 Nov. 21, A. H. Merrill, Treas. L. & L. Com., 123 75 Dec. 6, A. H. Merrill, Treas. L. & L. Com., 78 00

\$5,923 00

200 00

1890.	Cr.
Feb. 4, Received Executors Est. Eliza Sutton,	\$5,000 00
May I, Interest on City Boston Bonds,	35 50
Town Peabody Coupons,	400 00
Oct. 19, Interest on City Boston Bonds,	87 50
Nov. 1, Town Peabody Coupons,	400 00
	\$5,923 00
THE SUTTON BUILDING FUND ACC	OUNT.
Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with Geo. H. Po-	
1890.	Dr.
Feb. 4, Paid City Boston Bonds,	\$5,000 00
Premium Boston Bonds,	121 25
Jan. 31, Balance,	1 73
Jan. 3-,	¢= 122 08
	\$5,122 98 Cr.
1890.	
Feb. 4, Received Executors Est. Eliza Sutton,	\$5,000 00
May I, Interest on City Boston Bonds,	87 50
Oct. 19, Interest on City Boston Bonds,	
	\$5,122 98
THE SUTTON LIGHT AND FUEL FUND	ACCOUNT.
Trustees of Peabody Institute in Account with Geo. H. P.	oor, Treasurer.
1890.	Dr.
Feb. 4, Paid City Boston Bonds,	\$5,000 00
Premium on Boston Bonds,	121 25
Balance,	1 73
	\$5,122 98
1890.	Cr.
Feb. 4, Received Executors est. Eliza Sutton,	5,000 00
May 1, Int. on City Boston Bonds,	35 4
Oct. 2, Int. on City Boston Bonds,	87 5
	\$5,122 9

REAL ESTATE AND INVESTED FUND OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE.

GENERAL FUND.

One City Providence Bond, One Boston & Maine R. R. Bond, One City Boston Bond, Two Eastern R. R. Bonds, Ten Town Peabody Notes, Three shares Warren Nat. Bank stock.	\$1,000 00 1,000 00 1,000 00 2,000 00 70,000 00
Three shares Warren Nat. Bank stock, Two City Boston Bonds, Five B. C. & M. R. R. con. mortgage Bonds, One Eastern R. R. Bond, One City Lawrence Bond, Twenty-three Town Peabody Bonds, Wallace House, assessed, Merrill House, assessed, Institute building and contents not appraised.	70,000 00 300 00 2,000 00 5,000 00 1,000 00 23,000 00 6,500 00 4,000 00

RESERVE FUND.

- CAD.	
One City Toledo Bond,	
One Boston & Maine R. R. Bond	\$1,000 00
One Boston & Albany R. R. Rond	500 00
Three City Providence Ronde	1,000 00
One City Providence Bond	3,000 00
One City Cincinnati Bond	1,000 00
One City Fall River Bond	1,000 00
I wenty-two Town Peabody Ronds	1,000 00
One City Boston Bond.	22,000 00
One Lombard Mortgage	00 000,1
One City Omaha Bond	1,600 00
Hammond House, assessed at	500 00
Harris Property,	1,800 00
	6,000 00
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EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY FUND.

Twenty Town Peabody Bonds,	FUND.
City Boston Bond, undivided third \$15,000,	\$20,000 00
1111 \$15,000,	5,000 00

SUTTON BUILD	ING FUND.	
City Boston Bond, undivided third	\$15,000,	\$5,000 00
SUTTON LIGHT AN	D FUEL FUND.	
City Boston Bonds, undivided thin		\$5,000 00
HIGH SCHOOL M		
	EDAL FUND.	\$2,000 00
Two Province Quebec Bonds,		\$2,000 00
BURIAL LO	r FUND.	
One C. B. & Q. Nev. Ext. Mort. Deposit in Warren Five Cents Sa	Bond, vings Bank,	\$1,000 00
INSURA	ANCE.	
INSTITUTE I	BUILDING.	
		EXPIRES.
Dorchester Insurance Company,	\$2,500 00	Nov. 19, 1892
Quincy	5,000 00	Nov. 19, 1892
Essex	5,000 00	July 1, 1892
Holyoke	1,500 00	Nov. 15, 1891
Merrimac	3,000 00	Nov. 10, 1893 Nov. 19, 1893
Phœnix	3,000 00	July 1, 1896
. So. Danvers	5,000 00	July 1, 1090
LIBRA	ARY.	
London & Lancashire Ins. Co.,	\$5,000 00	Feb. 21, 1891
Holyoke	3,500 00	Mar. 15, 1892
Continental,	5,000 00	Nov. 19, 1893
Royal,	6,500 00	Mar. 24, 1894
PORT	RAIT.	
Phœnix Ins. Co.,	\$1,850 00	Nov. 19, 1893
HOU	SES.	
Wallace House, So. Danvers I	ns.	
Co.,	\$3,000 00	June 1, 1891
Merrill House, So. Danvers Ins.		June 1, 1895
Hammond	1,000 00	Aug. 1, 1893

SUTTON LIBRARY.

Abinata M. II. G		EXPIRES.	
Abington Mutual Ins. Co.,	\$1,000 00	May 1, 189	5
Lowell	500 00	May 1, 189	•
Phænix Ins. Co.,	5,000 00	Feb. 25, 1891	
American Mutual Ins. Co.,	500 00	-3, 109,	

FIXTURES SUTTON LIBRARY.

Lowell Mutual Ins. Co., Abington	\$1,500 00	May	1, 1895
American	2,000 00	May May	1, 1895

GEO. H. POOR,

Treasurer Trustees Peabody Institute.

We the undersigned, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, and find the same correct, with proper vouchers. We have also examined all securities belonging to the Trustees of Peabody Institute, as enumerated in above report and find the same to be in his possession.

H. F. WALKER, P. H. O'CONOR, F. C. MERRILL, J. W. HUDSON,

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE:

In behalf of the Lyceum and Library Committee, this report is respectfully submitted, together with the reports of the Treasurer and sub-committees of the Board, and also that of the Librarian.

The best test of an institution such as ours, is the influence which it exercises on the community, and the hold which it has on the popular heart. That the broad principles which inspired its foundation are being better understood and appreciated by all classes is beyond question. We are daily reminded not only of the munificence of Mr. Peabody, but of his wisdom in the disposition of his princely fortune for humanity's sake, while in the full enjoyment of his faculties. His native town was first in his memory, and the creation of this Institute would alone constitute an endearing monument to his name.

The manner in which the gift was accepted by his fellow citizens, and the judicious mode in which its provisions have been administered, clearly evince the nature in which it is regarded.

It has always been deemed an honor to serve the town in the administration of this trust, and the Institute officials have from the very beginning fairly represented the character and the culture of the community. The spirit of faction and discord and political strife has never entered their councils, and let us hope it never will enter.

The Peabody Institute is the most attractive spot in our midst. It helps to make our town a desirable place to live in. The stranger invariably seeks it out when he comes amongst us. He will find many structures more ornate and imposing, but rarely does he see a lecture hall so complete and harmonious, and above all a library so extensive and so well rounded in every department. In spite of some architectural defects, the library room presents a picture of care and good management in the arrangement and shelving of the books. No shabby or worn out volume finds a place there.

In estimating a popular library, it should be borne in mind that private libraries are multiplying, and that books and book buyers have increased enormously within the last decade, and that many local societies, especially temperance and benevolent organizations are making commendable efforts in collecting books for the immediate use of their members. Notwithstanding all this, it is gratifying to know that the circulation of the Library is steadily increasing, and in the direction of solid and thoughtful reading.

It might be safe to affirm that the use of the Library, and the store which it contains, have in many cases been the incentive in purchasing books, and in the desire to own them. It is essentially the poor man's library, and for him especially was it intended and designed by its beneficent founder.

As the number of books keeps increasing, so does the necessity for closer scrutiny and discrimination in the selection. It is in many cases more difficult to reject a book than to admit it to the shelves. The committee during the past year have exercised unusual care in the new accessions and have passed by many volumes which, though frequently attractive, were not deemed necessary to the wants of the Library. Many departments have been strengthened by valuable additions, and several important sets have been filled out by timely purchases. While the committee have not been guided by a narrow or bigoted sentiment, they have endeavored to carefully avoid a class of publications whose chief merit consists in their undisguised hostility to public morality and decency.

In this effort, as in all matters pertaining to the successful administration of the Library, they have received the valuable assistance of the Librarian. His large experience and ripe judgment eminently qualify him to direct and advise a young reader. To start right in reading is invaluable, and it is frequently more important for a boy or girl to be guided in what to avoid than in what to take up.

The Sutton Library is a store house of books so rare and valuable as to astonish the casual visitor. It is a lasting credit to those whose taste and judgment were exercised so satisfactorily. It is not a hap hazard collection of costly volumes which money could procure at any time, but it is a gathering together of books which none but a book lover and a scholar could so effectively accomplish.

The additions of new books during the year have been timely, and will repay a critical examination.

The Lyceum Committee have attended to the difficult task of providing instruction and entertainment to a satiated public, more eager to be amused than to be informed. The perplexing problem presents itself annually to this committee, whether to provide a class of entertainments which are sure to fill the hall nightly, or to present a series of scientific and purely instructive lectures regardless of popular favor. There are few lecturers of the present day who can draw a large audience on a purely abstract subject, and without the accessories of pictures and illustrations. The committee believe that the conditions which made the lecture so potent a factor in education and in the shaping of public opinion, have ceased to exist.

The reading room has its quota of steady patrons, the student and the scholar; the bright and eager reader of the last magazines, and the mechanic and the manufacturer, seeking for the latest discovery in the field of art and science.

The books relating to the application of electricity, the improvements in the method of tanning and dressing leathers, and all works on kindred subjects attract a special class of readers. The changes that have taken place in the modes of manufacture, and the increasing application of machinery in all branches of industry, necessitate a higher standard of intelli-

gence amongst the manufacturers and wage earners, and in many departments, even in our own staple industry, a knowledge of chemistry is absolutely essential to success. Many special books on manufactures have been called for, and the committee as far as possible, have promptly complied with the requests.

It is pleasant to add that all the departments have worked in perfect accord, and all have endeavored to give a living force to the epigram of Mr. Peabody—"Education, a Debt due from Present to Future Generations".

THOMAS CARROLL.

Chairman Lyceum & Library Committee.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The report of the Library Committee for the year ending February 1st, 1891, is respectfully submitted:

The work of completing our files of important periodicals has been practically completed during the year, and we have purchased 123 volumes, 30 of which were bound and in good order, the remaining 93 volumes being unbound.

By this purchase we have completed our files of the Eclectic, Lippincott, New Englander, Magazine of American History, Cosmopolitan, Scientific American and Scientific American Supplement; our set of the North American Review is now complete with the exception of two of the early volumes which are very scarce, but which it is hoped we may ultimately secure.

The expense incurred in this purchase was considerable, but the Committee deemed it a judicious outlay, as it is doubtful if another opportunity will occur for securing these volumes, many of them having been for years out of print. The reduced appropriation at the command of the Committee, together with the outlay for periodicals just referred to, which was virtually an extra expense, has made the strictest economy necessary in the purchase of books during the year. The Committee recognized this at the beginning of the year, and have used their best efforts in making purchases, to add only such works of recent publication as seemed essential, rejecting everything of doubtful value; yet, notwithstanding this, our appropriation was exhausted early in January, since which time no purchases have been made.

The circulation shows a gratifying gain over that of last year, and the figures in detail, included in the Librarian's report, are notable, especially by reason of the increased percentage of circulation in the classes of History and Science and Art, and the decrease in the percentage of the circulation of Fiction.

No changes in the conduct of the Reading Room have been made during the year, its patronage by the public has been fairly satisfactory, and all periodicals heretofore subscribed for have been continued upon its shelves, and the Cosmopolitan and the United Service have been added.

The Librarian notes an increased use of Poole's Index to Periodical Literature; this work, which is invaluable to any one having occasion to consult periodical publications, is at all times open to the public, and it is believed that a more general knowledge of this fact may possibly lead to its being consulted still more frequently.

In this connection, it will be wise for future Committees to carefully consider the Librarian's remarks as to the advisability of allowing the general circulation of bound volumes of those periodicals of which we own no duplicates, experience having shown the difficulty and expense of their replacement, and especially of the older volumes which grow scarcer year by year.

For the Committee,

L. P. OSBORN, Chairman.

LYCEUM COMMITTEE.

TO THE CHAIRMAN LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The Lyceum Committee respectfully submits the following report, viz: List of lectures for the year 1890 and 1891:

Nov. 6, 1890, Mr. Roberts Harper. Subject, "The Paris Exposition and South of France." (Illustrated.)

Nov. 13, 1890, Miscellaneous Concert.

Nov. 20, 1890, Mr. H. H. Ragan. Subject, "A Trip to Alaska." (Illustrated.)

Dec. 4, 1890, Col. L. F. Copeland. Subject, "Future of the Republic."

Dec. 11, 1890, Corporal James Tanner. Subject, "Soldier Life, Grave and Gay."

Dec. 18, 1890, Mrs. Lucia Mead Priest. Readings.

Jan. 1, 1891, Prof. E. S. Morse. Subject, "Art of Illustration."

Jan. 8, 1891, Col. J. P. Santord. Subject, "Old Times and New."

Jan. 15, 1891, Boston Artiste Concert Party.

For the Committee,

GEORGE C. FARRINGTON, Chairman.

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE:

The affairs of the E. D. Sutton Reference Library for the year ending Jan. 31, 1891, do not seem to require any extended comment.

The daily routine of its administration has been faithfully and carefully looked after by the Librarian, Miss Augusta F. Daniels, whose report is herewith submitted.

From this report it appears that the number of consultations of books in the Library has been 330, about 100 less than for the year before. The number of visitors has been

1,287, fifty-seven less than in the previous year.

The number of volumes placed upon the shelves has been seventy-four, one more than for the year 1889. 137 pamphlets and serials have also been received. Among the more valuable books purchased may be mentioned an elegant volume of artist Proof Engravings, published by the American Society of Wood Engravers.

Some change has been made in the financial arrangements for the Sutton Library during the past year. Hitherto the cost of the care of the room has been paid by the trustees from the general funds of the Peabody Institute. As the will of Mrs. Sutton left \$5,000 for the maintenance of the Library room; the expense incurred for this purpose will in the future be borne by the income from this fund.

During the coming year the income from the further sum of \$5,000, given by Mrs. Sutton for the purchase of books, will become available.

This cannot fail to further increase the usefulness of the Reference Library to our citizens, as well as to those visitors from abroad who make use of its privileges.

For the Committee,

J. H. OSGOOD, Chairman.

The following bound volumes have been added during the year ending Jan. 31, 1891.

Index to Dictionary of Music and Musicians. Sir George Grove. London, 1890.

Annals of the Congress of the United States, 1789-1824. Washington, 1834-56. 42 Vols.

Illustrations of the Passes of the Alps. William Brockedon. London, 1828-29. 2 Vols.

Italy, Classical, Historical, and Picturesque. William Brockedon. London.

Vie Politique et Militaire de Napoleon. A. V. Arnault. Paris, 1822-26. 2 Vols.

A Manual of the Infusoria. W. Saville Kent. London, 1880-82. 3 Vols.

American Ancestry. Albany, 1889.

Diary of Washington from Oct. 1, 1789 to Mar. 10, 1790. New York, 1858.

Regimental Losses in American Civil War, 1861-65. William F. Fox. Albany, 1889.

Researches concerning the Aboriginal History of America. J. H. McCulloh, Jr., Baltimore, 1829.

Military Occurrences of the War of 1812. William James, London, 1818. 2 Vols.

Armstrong's Notices of the War of 1812. John Armstrong. New York, 1840. 2 Vols.

History of the war of 1812. New York, 1815.

The War with Mexico reviewed. Abiel Abbott Liver-more. Boston, 1850.

History of Maine. James Sullivan, Boston, 1795.

Amerigo Vespucci. F. A. de Varnhagen, Lima, 1865.

A Green Hand's First Cruise, Boston, 1841. 2 Vols.

The Jacobite Relics of Scotland. James Hogg. Edinburgh, 1819. 2 Vols.

The Earth and its Inhabitants. Oceanica.

Elsiee Reclus. New York, 1890.

Homes of our Forefathers in Boston, Old England, and Boston, New England.

E. Whitefield, Boston, 1889.

Engravings on Wood. William M. Laffan. New York,

Game Fishes of the United States. S. A. Kilbourne and G. Brown Goode. New York, 1879-80.

Illustrated London News. London, 1889. 2 Vols. Presented by the Mrs. Clement.

Proceedings of the Bunker Hill Monument Association June 17, 1890. Boston, 1890. Presented by the Bunker Hill Monument Association. The following volumes have been bound:

The Portfolio. 2 Vols.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register. 3 Vols.

Essex Institute Historical Collections. 2 Vols.

American Architect and Building News. 4 Vols.

Punch. 4 Vols.

Notes and Queries. 7 Vols.

London News. 2 Vols.

Engravings on Wood. I Vol.

Unbound Serials.

The Portfolio. 12 parts.

Essex Institute Historical Collections. 3 parts.

New England Historical and Genealogical Register. 4 parts.

Notes and Queries. 12 parts.

American Architect and Building News. Parts 1-52.

Punch. Parts 1-52.

Two Reports of the Bureau of Education.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN OF THE EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JAN. 31, 1891.

CONSULTATIONS.

Art,	76	Historical Costumes,	12
Science,	70	Description and Travel,	10
Encyclopædias,	57	Genealogy,	8
History,	25	Botany,	5
Dictionaries,	15	London News,	4
Theology,	14	Biography,	4
Architecture,	12	Miscellaneous,	18

Number of consultations, 330. Number of visitors, 1,287.

AUGUSTA F. DANIELS, Librarian.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE OF THE PEABODY INSTITUTE, PEABODY:

The Librarian of the Peabody Library respectfully submits his report for the year ending Feb. 1, 1891.

In addition to the regular business of the Library during the past year, the work of completing the copying of the old catalogue cards has practically ended.

Whatever else is to be done will be done in the regular Library hours.

In the last year's report, a statement was made that one of the works of Swedenborg, and the life of J. Howard Payne, were missing. The work of Swedenborg has been returned and it is presumable that Payne's life may be among the books of some other citizen's private library.

The entire library has been open through the regular hours excepting on holidays, for the first time in its history. No bad results have been perceived and probably the amount of solid reading was thereby increased.

Poole's Index to Periodical Literature has been much used by those desiring to look up matter for essays and other literary exercises, but it has often been found that the desired volume was in the hands of a borrower, which leads to the inquiry whether magazines, unless there are duplicates, should be circulated. Few libraries are accustomed to circulate them unless possessed of duplicates.

ACCESSIONS.

Volumes of miscellaneous works, Volumes of periodicals, 1890 (bound),	652 56	
Periodicals purchased to complete sets, Gifts,	123	
Ones,	49	880

Volumes in Library, Feb. 1, 1890,	28,619	
Volumes worn out,		28,591
	71 0	

No. of vols. (catalogued) in the Library, Feb. 1, 1891. 29,471

Note. Three hundred and twenty-two (322) parts of U.S. Patent Office "Specifications and Drawings," May 31, 1871, to Dec., 1889, with eighteen indexes to the same, not catalogued, as they are here conditionally.

The "Official Gazette" from the same office (weekly) to date is also in the library. Both these series may be consulted

by any inhabitant of this congressional district.

CIRCULATION.

CIRCULITION		
	No. Vols.	Per cent.
Sociology, Religion, Philosophy,	674	2
Fiction and Juveniles,	24,687	71
Travels, Geography, etc.,	2,079	6
History,	2,159	6
Biography,	873	3
Poetry and the Drama,	746	2
Natural Science and Practical Art,	1,714	5
Miscellaneous Literature, etc.,	1,845	5
	34,807	
BINDING.		
1 1 1 of 1800	56	
Volumes of periodicals of 1890, Volumes of magazines to complete sets,	93	
Volumes of miscellaneous books,	342	
Volumes of infiscentaneous seems,		491
Books repaired,		100
RECEIPTS.		
Town fines	\$63 18	
From fines, 38 Finding lists and 2 Catalogues,	4 80	\$67 98

Gifts of bound books have been received as follows:

Bunker Hill Monument Association, C. D. Wright, U. S. Department of Agriculture, John W. Dickinson, Judd & Detweiler, Matthewson & Co., Town of Manchester, Mass., Pennsylvania Historical Society, Wm. E. Griffis, W. J. Veasey, Patent Office Department, one volume each; Boston & Maine R. R. Co., 2 vols.; Department of the Treasury, 3 vols.; State of Massachusetts, 4 vols.; H. G. Wadlin, 11 vols.; Department of War, 12 vols; Smithsonian Institution, 6 vols.

J. WARREN UPTON, Librarian.

January 31, 1891.

The periodicals in the reading room are as follows:

American Agriculturist. American Journal of Science. Andover Review. Arena. Atlantic Monthly. Blackwood's Magazine. Catholic World. Century. Contemporary Review. Cornhill Magazine. Cosmopolitan Magazine. Eclectic Magazine. Education. Electrical World. Forum. Harper's Monthly Magazine. Lippincott's Magazine. Littell's Living Age. Longman's Magazine.

Magazine of American History. Methodist Review. New England Magazine. New Englander and Yale Review. Nineteenth Century. North American Review. Outing. Political Quarterly. Popular Science Monthly. Popular Science News. Quarterly Review, London. Science. Scribner's Magazine. Times, London Weekly. U. S. Patent Office Gazette. Unitarian Review. United Service. Westminster Review.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

LYCEUM AND LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with A. H. Merrill, Treasurer.

1890 Jan.	20 1	Paid Wm. R. Brooks, lecture,	\$50 0	00
Feb.	1,	Fred W. Bushby, services,	23 9	90
reb.	1,	Fred F. Dodge, for services,	5 1	0
	Ι,	E. L. Perley, for binding,	17	35
	6,	Mrs. Jessie E. Southwick, Readings,	50	00
	10,	Wm. McDonald, expressing, ac-		
	10,	count of lectures,	14	00
	10,	Leverett Poor, for cash paid, account		
	10,	lectures,	6	90
	12,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	97	30
	12,	The Forum Pub. Co., subscription,	5	00
	15,	H. Williams, for magazines,	108	35
		J. W. Upton, account salary,	50	00
	15, 28,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50	00
Mar.	I,	Wm. H. Baldwin, account lectures,	I	00
Mar.		N. E. Magazine Co., subscription,	8	00
	8,	John J. Sweeney, services at lectures,	16	00
	8,	TIT D 1 TITLES	16	00
	8,	at II and at lectures	14	00
	8,	- ~ ~	31	20
		T TIT II to account calary.	50	00
	15,	T D 1 for hinding	55	45
	15,	The Consist for books	63	89
	15,	D. C. I amiet for hooks.	15	83
	15.		0	
		Amount carried forward,	\$749	77

		Amount brought forward,	\$749 77
Mar		Estes & Lauriat, for books,	48 22
	28,	Writer Publishing Co., writer,	4 00
	31,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 00
	31,	Frank T. Wingate, services,	14 90
	31,	Henry M. Melcher, services,	25 45
	31,	S. W. Upton, services,	21 30
	31,	Fred F. Dodge, services,	7 45
	31,	Fred W. Bushby, services,	36 60
	31,	John P. Fernald, printing,	9 00
	31,	H. Williams, American History,	15 00
April	14,	E. L. Perley, for binding,	
	14,	E. L. Perley, for manilla,	14 55
	14,	Henry P. Ives, sundries,	90 8 88
	15,	John P. Fernald, postals and printing,	
	15,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	3 00
	15,	C Schenof, magazines,	50 00
	30,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	50 25
May	Ι,	H. Williams, for magazines,	98 10
	1,	Essex Institute, for Hist. Coll.,	12 00
	1,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	3 00
	5,	E. L. Perley, for binding,	50 00
	5,	Fred W. Bushby, services,	13 05
	15,	E. L. Perley, for binding,	23 10
	16,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	20 70
	23,	H. M. Melcher, services,	50 00
	23,	E. L. Perley, for covers,	3 05
	23,	Samuel W. Upton, services,	10 80
	23,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	1 00
	23,	Library Bureau, binders, etc.,	66 25
	31,	Peabody Press, for labels, etc.,	9 25
	31,	J. W. Upton, salary,	5 00
June	3,	H. Williams, 2 Vols. N. A. Review,	50 00
	3,	H. A. Williams, 6 Vols. Eclectic,	12 00
	3,	Publishers' Weekly,	6 00
	3,	American History,	3 00
			5 00
			-

		Amount brought forward,	\$1,550 57
June	3,	J. W. Holley & Co., magazine,	6 90
	5,	Chas. A. Kimball, services,	1 38
	5,	Fred W. Bushby, services,	27 80
	14,	J. W. Upton, salary,	50 00
	14,	Edward L. Perley, for binding,	58 75
	14,	Edward L. Perley, for manilla,	90
	16,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	53 47
	30,	J. W. Upton, salary,	50 00
July	2,	Samuel W. Upton, services,	23 10
3 3	7,	Edward L. Perley, for binding,	29 85
	7,	B. M. Hills, expressing,	10 10
	7,	Peabody Press, printing lists,	7 00
	7,	Henry P. Ives, sundries,	2 85
	7,	J. W. Upton, books,	1 50
	7,	Henry M. Melcher, services,	26 70
	7,	Chas. H. Kimball, services,	20 30
	9,	Fred W. Bushby, services,	22 10
	16,	M. R. Warren, pen for cyclostyle,	2 50
	16,	Fred F. Dodge, services,	3 60
	16,	H. Williams, 8 Vols., Cosmopolitan,	6 75
	16.	J. W. Upton, salary,	50 00
	25,	E. L. Perley, binding,	16 45
	25,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	43 76
	25,	N. D. C. Hodges, for "Science,"	3 50
	25,	Merritt Cook, for book,	I 00
	31,	J. W. Upton, for salary,	50 00
	31,	Samuel W. Upton, for services,	7 70
A 110	. 15,	J. W. Upton, on account of salary,	50 00
Sept	The state of the s	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00
ocp.	2,	E. L. Perley, for binding,	14 25
	2,	E. L. Perley, for library cards,	13 75
	6,	Fred W. Bushby, for services,	47 16
	11,	Samuel W. Upton, for services,	8 60
	15,	Subscription Electrical World,	3 00
	15,	Peabody Press, bill printing for list,	6 00
	13,		

	Amount brought forward,	\$2,321 29
Sept. 1		50 00
Oct.	Subscription "The American	30 00
	Naturalist,"	4 00
3		15 80
	, Estes & Lauriat, for books,	105 39
3		50 00
9	, Subscription N. E. Magazine,	3 00
9	, For 12 Vols. Specifications and	3 00
	Drawings of Patents,	31 20
9	C1	20 00
9	77 7 77 10	5 10
9		25 80
9		1 75
9	***	4 80
16		50 00
31		50 00
31		127 20
Nov. 6		e, 75 00
10		ls, 2 00
13.		
	concert,	81 00
14,	Fred W. Bushby, services,	43 30
15,		16 60
15,		1 75
15,		50 00
20,	L. P. Osborn, paid for stencil paper,	1 00
20,	Lecture Com., balance Shipp Bros.	
	& Co., concert,	3 90
20,	Lecture Com., for Reagan lecture,	75 00
22,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	98 02
29,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	50 00
Dec. 4,	Lecture Com., Copeland lecture, etc.,	59 50
11,	Lecture Com., Tanner lecture,	100 00
13,	Fred W. Bushby, services,	17 40
15,	J. W. Upton, services,	50 00
	Amount carried forward,	\$3,589 80

	Amount brought forward,	\$3,589 80)
17,	J. W. Holley & Co., for magazines,	95 42	2
18,	Lecture Com., Priest, reader,	35 00	0
19,	Peabody Press, printing,	5 75	5
23,	H. M. Meek, for directory,	2 00	0
23,	E. L. Perley, for binding,	9 1	5
23,	E. L. Perley, for manilla,	1 7	
23,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	100 5	8
1891.			
Jan. 1,	Lecture Com., Morse lecture,	75 0	0
I,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	50 0	0
3,	Walter Graves, services,	13 4	0
3,	C. H. Kimball, services,	18 0	0
3,	Fred H. Rowell, services,	12 6	0
3,	Fred W. Bushby, services,	20 0	0
9,	The "Outing" Co., subscription,	30	0
9,	M. R. Warren & Co., manilla slips,	7 5	0
9,	Library Bureau, for binders,	3 3	0
9,	Publishers' Weekly, subscription,	50	0
9,	Munroe & Arnold, expressing,	8 2	5
9,	Lecture Com., Sanford lecture,	50 0	00
9,	H. M. Melcher, services,	27 1	0
12,	B. M. Hills, expressing,	4 3	0
17,	Lecture Com., for concert and mis-		
	cellaneous expenses,	145 6	0
20,	J. W. Upton, account salary,	35 0	Ю
30,	J. W. Upton, balance salary,	65 0	00
30,	J. W. Upton, for incidentals,	14 4	6
	Balance,	268 6	03
		\$4,664	99
1890.		Cr.	
Feb. 1,	By Balance,	\$1,297	IC
May 15,	Received of Treasurer of Trustees,	2,100	
Nov. 24,	Treasurer of Trustees,	500 (
	Amount carried forward,	\$3,897	01

1891.	Amount brought forward,	\$3,897 01
Jan. 8,	Treasurer of Trustees, for finding lists sold,	700 00
30,	Catalogues,	3 So 1 00
30,	Fines,	63 18
		\$4,664 99
		\$268 03

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCOUNT.

Paid for Books, Magazine	\$920 51 420 57		
	account, Library,	\$1,341 08 \$282 45 32 75 114 99	
Salaries, Lectures, Lectures,	course of, 1889-90, course of, 1890-91,		\$1,771 27 1,757 79 167 90 700 00
	Balance.		\$4,396 96 268 03
By Balance, Received from	Treasurer of Trustees. Fines, Sale of Finding Lists, Catalogues,		\$4,664 99 Cr. \$1,297 01 3,300 00 63 18 3 80 1 00
1	Balance,		\$4,664 99 268 03

The undersigned have this day examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Lyceum and Library Committee, and the same were found to be correct.

L. P. OSBORN, Finance J. H. OSGOOD, Committee.

JANUARY 31, 1891.

EBEN DALE SUTTON REFERENCE LIBRARY.

Trustees of Peabody Institute in account with A. H. Merrill, Treasurer.

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1890. Feb	T	Paid Augusta F. Daniels, salary.	\$27	08
I Co.	Ι,	Augusta F. Daniels, for paper,		50
	28,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27	_
Mar.		Ticknor & Co., Am. Architect,	-	00
Mai.	Ι,	Estes & Lauriat, for book,		00
	15,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,		08
3.6	31,			08
May	7,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,		08
June	7,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,		00
	30,	N. L. Chamberlain & Co., for stamp,		
	30,	Essex Inst. Hist. Coll.	0	00
	30,	Estes & Lauriat, for books,	207	1
July	1,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	THE RESERVE TO STREET	12
Aug.	5,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,		08
Sept.	2,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	CAN OF THE PARTY O	.08
Oct.		Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27	08
Nov.		Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27	08
Dec.		Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27	08
1891.				
Jan.	Ι,	Augusta F. Daniels, salary,	27	08
3	I.	D D 11 I for stationary	I	75
	12.	T T TI . C 1 1 Demistrar	3	00
	12	THE DOMESTIC TO THE TO		
	12	Dictionary,	1	76
		Amount carried forward,	\$57	2 76

Amount brought forward,	\$572 76
12, E. Whitefield, "Homes of our Fore-	
fathers,"	10 00
D. Appleton & Co., 1 Vol. Oceanica,	5 10
12, Ticknor & Co., Am. Architect,	10 00
26, E. L. Perley, binding and repairing,	2 00
26, Almy, Bigelow & Washburn, napkins,	2 93
26, Munroe & Arnold, expressing,	1 90
30, Estes & Lauriat, on acct. bill for books	, 225 00
Balance,	68 09
	00 09
	\$897 78
1890.	Cr.
Feb. 1, By balance,	219 78
May, 15, Semi-annual income E. D. S. Fund,	400 00
Nov. 24, Received on account of E. D. S. Fund,	78 00
Dec. 2, Received on account of E. D. S. Fund,	200 00
Balance,	\$897 78
	\$68 09
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF THE FOREGOING ACCO	
Paid for books,	Dr.
binding and repairs,	491 85
Incidentals,	2 00
Salary of Librarian,	10 84 325 00
Balance,	68 09
	\$897 78
By balance,	Cr.
Income E. D. S. Fund,	219 78
D. S. Fund,	678 00
	490= =0
Balance,	\$897 78
The undersional lands	68 09

The undersigned have this day examined the accounts and vouchers of the Treasurer of the Eben Dale Sutton Reference Library, and the same were found to be correct.

January 31, 1891.

L. P. OSBORN, Finance Committee,



